

As much as I am leary of changes to the rules, I do admit a certain merit to this proposal. My one concern is with the law of diminishing returns. When Novices had a practice area to increase from 5 wpm to 13 wpm to get their General, it was a great idea. Not many Generals worked the Novice band after that as a 5 wpm conversation is somewhat boring. I am thinking that if someone doesn't even know the code at 5 wpm, he may be a bore despite best intentions. What are the <5 wpm ops going to do? Run back and forth to tables to look up the code? It seems to me that there is a code speed below which one does better to learn it at home rather than on the air. Otherwise it seems like a good concept.